

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to SB 122:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for weighting of grades for honors, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate courses for purposes of determining eligibility for postsecondary scholarships, grants, and loans; to require that the written annual evaluation is signed by the evaluator and provided to the certificated person; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-157, relating to the uniform reporting system for certain purposes, as follows:

"(3) For students otherwise qualified and enrolling as freshmen students in eligible public or private postsecondary institutions for the first time on May 1, 2007, or thereafter, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall calculate grade point averages for determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship and other scholarships referenced in this Code section as follows:

(A) For students receiving a college preparatory diploma, each grade for a student in attempted coursework in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and foreign language that would, if successfully completed, satisfy a core graduation requirement for the college preparatory curriculum shall be equated to a grade on a 4.0 scale, such that a grade of 'A' = 4.0, a grade of 'B' = 3.0, a grade of 'C' = 2.0, a grade of 'D' = 1.0, and a grade of 'F' = 0; or

(B) For students receiving a career/technical diploma, each grade for a student in attempted coursework in English, mathematics, science, and social studies that would, if successfully completed, satisfy a core graduation requirement for the career/technical

curriculum shall be equated to a grade on a 4.0 scale, such that a grade of 'A' = 4.0, a grade of 'B' = 3.0, a grade of 'C' = 2.0, a grade of 'D' = 1.0, and a grade of 'F' = 0.

Grades for coursework that is classified as honors, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate shall be weighted by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in calculating the overall grade point averages for students, ~~provided that the weighting of such course grades is uniformly applied to all students in the state taking the specified coursework~~ by adding 0.5 to the grade received by the student in such course, except for a failing grade, such that a grade of 'A' = 4.5, a grade of 'B' = 3.5, a grade of 'C' = 2.5, a grade of 'D' = 1.5, and a grade of 'F' = 0. The sum of the equated grades shall be divided by the number of course grades, adjusted for term length, to yield a grade point average on a 4.0 scale; provided, however, that the additional 0.5 for honors courses shall apply only to those students graduating from high school in 2007;".

## SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 20-2-210, relating to annual performance evaluations, as follows:

"(d) The superintendent of each local school system shall identify an appropriately trained evaluator for each person employed by the local unit of administration for the purposes of completing ~~an~~ a written annual evaluation as required in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section. The evaluator shall be required to complete and sign such annual evaluation and provide it to ~~for~~ each certificated person prior to April 1 of each year. The superintendent of each local school system shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this Code section."

## SECTION 3.

Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon this Act's approval by the Governor or upon this Act becoming law without such approval. The remaining sections of the Act shall become effective on July 1, 2007.

## SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.